

In the Claims:

1-123. (Canceled).

124. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising:

- (a) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:20 ~~shown in Figure 12 (SEQ ID NO:20)~~;
- (b) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:20 ~~shown in Figure 12 (SEQ ID NO:20)~~, lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:19 ~~shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:19)~~;
- (d) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:19 ~~shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:19)~~; or
- (e) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209792.

125. (Currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 124 comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:20 ~~shown in Figure 12 (SEQ ID NO:20)~~.

126. (Currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 124 comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:20 ~~shown in Figure 12 (SEQ ID NO:20)~~, lacking its associated signal peptide.

127-128. Canceled.

129. (Currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 124 comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:19 ~~shown in Figure 11 (SEQ ID NO:19)~~.

130. (Currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 124 comprising the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:19 ~~shown in Figure 11~~

(~~SEQ ID NO:19~~).

131. (Previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 124 comprising the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209792.

132-134. Canceled.

135. (Previously presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of Claim 124.

136. (Previously presented) The vector of Claim 135, wherein said nucleic acid is operably linked to control sequences recognized by a host cell transformed with the vector.

137. (Previously presented) A host cell comprising the vector of Claim 135.

138. (Previously presented) The host cell of Claim 137, wherein said cell is a CHO cell, an *E. coli* or a yeast cell.

139. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule at least 30 nucleotides in length that hybridizes under stringent conditions to:

- (a) the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19 or a complement thereof;
- (b) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209792 or a complement thereof;

wherein, said stringent conditions use 50% formamide, 5X SSC, 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 6.8), 0.1% sodium pyrophosphate, 5X Denhardt's solution, sonicated salmon sperm DNA (50 µg/ml), 0.1% SDS, and 10% dextran sulfate at 42°C, and washes at 42°C in 0.2X SSC, at 55°C in 50% formamide followed by a high-stringency wash at 55°C in 0.1X SSC, EDTA; wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule is suitable for use as a PCR primer or probe.

- 140. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 139 that is at least 50 nucleotides or above in length.
- 141. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 139 that is at least 60 nucleotides or above in length.
- 142. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 139 that is at least 70 nucleotides or above in length.
- 143. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 139 that is at least 80 nucleotides or above in length.
- 144. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 139 that is at least 90 nucleotides or above in length.
- 145. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 139 that is at least 100 nucleotides or above in length.